

Harpswell Energy Task Force Committee August 10, 2009 Meeting Minutes
Approved September 8, 2009

Chairman David I. Chipman called the meeting to order at 4pm at the Harpswell Town Office. Committee members Debora Levensailor and John Monaghan Jr. were also present. Robert Bartley and Trudi Riesenbergs were absent.

The committee discussed requesting a more comprehensive energy audit of the town office. John said he should be a certified energy auditor by mid September and that he could conduct the audit. He would perform energy efficiency tests on the boilers, do a blower door test and an infrared scan among other evaluations. Dave said others have also expressed interest in auditing the town office and that he will contact them. Dave and John plan to talk to CEO Bill Wells regarding the energy related work he has already done on the town office. John indicated that he would like to conduct an energy audit of the TV station building as well

John said he has researched the town office parking lot lights and he suggested turning them off and using just the wall packs, and installing a motion sensor to come on only when necessary. The chairmen of town committees could flip the override switch to turn the lights and wall packs on before their meetings begin. Dave suggested installing a photocell as well as the motion detector on the wall packs and placing motion detectors on the parking lot lights.

John accessed the Efficiency Maine Web site and found programs for students in 4th, 5th, 6th Grade, and Jr. High. He volunteered to research national energy efficiency programs.

Deb talked to Freeport Town Manager Dale Olmstead previously regarding the significant amount of cost savings the Town of Freeport has obtained by reducing the hours the Town Hall is open from five to four days a week. The committee asked her to do so again. Deb will then draft a letter to the Harpswell Selectmen stating that the committee is recommending that the Selectmen change the hours the Harpswell Town Office is open from five to four days a week. The committee believes this action would reduce the town's fuel and electricity expenses, and decrease employee gasoline costs. Perhaps the Town Office could be closed on Mondays to coordinate with the Recycling Center hours.

July 14, 2009 Meeting Minutes - It was moved and seconded (Monaghan and Chipman) to accept the July 14, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. Approved, 3-0.

The committee discussed possibly developing a wind turbine ordinance as has been done in neighboring towns. Dave will start working on a draft ordinance and will talk to Harpswell Planner Carol Tukey, Topsham Assistant Planner Rob Melanson, and Brunswick Planner Chris Hulstedt.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING - SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 at 4p.m.

Dave adjourned the meeting at approx. 5:25p.m.

Submitted by Debora A. Levensailor, Harpswell ETFC Vice-Chairwoman